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ANDERS ANDERSEN

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1. SINCE LEAVING THE POST OF MINISTER OF FINANCE,
WHICH HE HELD IN THE HARTLING GOVERNMENT FROM 1973-1975,
ANDERS ANDERSEN HAS REMAINED A STALWART AND ACTIVE
MEMBER OF THE LIBERAL PARTY AND A MEMBER OF THE PARTY
EXECUTIVE BOARD. IN 1976 HE BECAME A MEMBER OF THE
ASSESSMENT COUNCIL AND A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE DANISH NATIONAL BANK. HE WAS ONE OF THE FOUR LIBERAL
PARTICIPANTS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO THE FORMATION
OF THE NEW COALITION. NOT A FINANCIAL OR ECONOMIC
SCHOLAR, ANDERSEN IS A PRACTICAL, INTELLIGENT
POLITICIAN WHO HAS ACQUIRED CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE IN
THESE AREAS THROUGH HIS WORK IN THE FOLKETING AND AS
A GOVERNMENT MINISTER. HE HOLDS RELATIVELY CONSERVATIVE
VIEWS WITH RESPECT TO FISCAL POLICY AND MAY BE COUNTED
ON, DURING THIS PERIOD OF BALANCE OF PAYMENTS AND
BUDGET DEFICITS, TO SUPPORT ATTEMPTS TO REDUCE STATE
EXPENDITURES. HE IS NOT EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE IMF
MEETING.

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3. PER HAEKERRUP IS MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO
WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR ECONOMIC COORDINATION.
FOLLOWING THE REMOVAL OF A LUNG FOR CANCER IN
MARCH 1978, HAEKERRUP WAS NOT ACTIVE AGAIN UNTIL
JUNE, WHEN HE RETURNED TO THE FOLKETING JUST
BEFORE ADJOURNMENT. HE PARTICIPATED AS ONE OF THE

FOUR SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC NEGOTIATORS IN
THE FORMATION OF THE NEW COALITION. HIS PRESENT
POST RELIEVES HIM OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR
CONDUCTING THE AFFAIRS OF A MINISTRY WHILE
RETAINING HIS VALUED COUNSEL IN GOVERNMENT HE
PLANS TO RUN FOR THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT NEXT YEAR AND
RETIRE FROM GOVT. HAEKERRUP IS EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
IMF MEETING (SEE REF B).
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